GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Availability of Foodgrains
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a declining trend in the per capita availability of foodgrains and pulses during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the availability of foodgrains in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (c): As per the data available, the per capita availability of foodgrains and pulses since 2012 are given below:-

Year Per capita Availability (Gram per day)

Foodgrains Pulses
2012 463.8 41.7
2013 491.9 43.3
2014 489.3 46.4
2015(P) 465.1 43.8

P: Provisional

Government has taken several initiatives to increase production and productivity of foodgrains including pulses to improve their availability which, inter alia, includes National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI), National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY), Soil Health Card etc.

In addition, Government facilitates imports of various agricultural commodities to augment their domestic availability.

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